

The Intelligencer.

The Modern Mother.

From the Saturday Review.

There was once a superstition among us that mothers were of the same society that their functions and duties, without which society would not prosper or hold together, and that much of the well-being of humanity, present and future, depended on them. Mothers in those days were by no means effusive persons, or, as we call them now, "ladies," but living powers, possessing a real and pervading influence, and they were credited with an authority which they did not scruple to use when required. One of the functions recognized as especially belonging to them was that of guiding their young people from the ignorance, keeping them from dangers both physical and mental until wise enough to take care of themselves, and supplementing by their own experience the want of it in their children. Another was that of preserving the peace of society on a high level, and supplying the antiseptic element by which the rest was kept pure; as for example, insisting that the language used and the habits of the people were such as should not offend the modesty of virtuous women; that the people with whom they were required to associate should be moderately honest and well conducted; and, in short, as mothers, discountenancing everything in other men and women which they would not wish to be imitated by their own sons and daughters. This was one of the fond superstitions of an earlier time. For ourselves, we boast of our freedom from superstition in these matters, of our proud renunciation of prejudices and of our forefathers, of our indifference to forms, and hatred of humbug, and of all that tends to fetter what is called individualism. Hence we have found that we can go on without safeguards for our young, that society does not need the protection as the preservative ingredient for keeping it pure; and that the world is all the more for the loosening of bonds which once it was the duty of women to draw closer. In fact, mothers have gone on, serving only in the form of chapter-

should have kept her silent, even if her own self-respect was too weak to restrain her. A higher aim than that of success and what is known by getting on, condones all kinds of moral obliquity for the sake of financial prosperity and social position, do we find that, as a rule, mothers and matrons protest against opening their homes to this kind of society? If they did—if they made demerit and not poverty the cause of exclusion, virtue and not success the title to reception—there would be some check to the corruption which is so insolently rampant now. Women have this power in their own hands, more especially those women who are mothers. If they would only set themselves to check the inclination for loose talk and doubtful discussions which is characteristic of the present moment, they could put an end to it without delay. And so, also, they might stop in less than a year the torrent of slang with which young England floods its daily speech; and by setting themselves against the paint and dye and mercerize make-up generally of the modern girl, they might bring some of the fashioners back to modesty and simplicity.

Women are apt to murmur at their lot as one without influence, variety, stirring purpose, space for action. But it is, on the contrary, a lot full of dignity and importance, if properly regarded and fully undertaken. If it is not least, it makes the characters of men who lead and are led. If they are not State Ministers and Parliamentary orators, they raise by their nobleness or degradation by their want of nobility, the tone of the nation. If it is not least, it makes the characters of men who lead and are led. If they are not State Ministers and Parliamentary orators, they raise by their nobleness or degradation by their want of nobility, the tone of the nation. If it is not least, it makes the characters of men who lead and are led. If they are not State Ministers and Parliamentary orators, they raise by their nobleness or degradation by their want of nobility, the tone of the nation.

Chicago.
CHICAGO, August 16.—Flour—Steady and unchanged. Wheat—Active and unsettled. No. 1 spring wheat, \$1.25; No. 2, \$1.15; No. 3, \$1.05; No. 4, \$0.95; No. 5, \$0.85; No. 6, \$0.75; No. 7, \$0.65; No. 8, \$0.55; No. 9, \$0.45; No. 10, \$0.35; No. 11, \$0.25; No. 12, \$0.15; No. 13, \$0.05; No. 14, \$0.00. Corn—Dull. No. 2 new, \$0.50; No. 3, \$0.45; No. 4, \$0.40; No. 5, \$0.35; No. 6, \$0.30; No. 7, \$0.25; No. 8, \$0.20; No. 9, \$0.15; No. 10, \$0.10; No. 11, \$0.05; No. 12, \$0.00. Pork—Dull. No. 1, \$10.00; No. 2, \$9.50; No. 3, \$9.00; No. 4, \$8.50; No. 5, \$8.00; No. 6, \$7.50; No. 7, \$7.00; No. 8, \$6.50; No. 9, \$6.00; No. 10, \$5.50; No. 11, \$5.00; No. 12, \$4.50; No. 13, \$4.00; No. 14, \$3.50; No. 15, \$3.00; No. 16, \$2.50; No. 17, \$2.00; No. 18, \$1.50; No. 19, \$1.00; No. 20, \$0.50; No. 21, \$0.00.

New York.
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